



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION FOR
WOMEN**

**KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM 372
LOS ANGELES, CA 90012**

Monday, November 14, 2011

10:00 AM

ROLL CALL

Present: President Becerra-Jones, Vice President Tanberg, Commissioner Creary, Commissioner Gallegos, Commissioner Lesser, Commissioner Rodriguez, Commissioner Shevlin and Commissioner Ward

Absent: Commissioner Duba and Commissioner Pinedo

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. The meeting will be called to order by President Becerra-Jones. (11-4818)

The meeting was called to order at 10:07 a.m.

2. Approval of Minutes from the meeting of October 3, 2011 as requested by Commissioner Duba. (11-4741)

On motion of Commissioner Tanberg, seconded by Commissioner Shevlin, this item was approved with the following vote:

Ayes: 7 - President Becerra-Jones, Vice President Tanberg, Commissioner Creary, Commissioner Gallegos, Commissioner Rodriguez, Commissioner Shevlin and Commissioner Ward

Abstentions: 1 - Commissioner Lesser

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Duba and Commissioner Pinedo

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3. Approval of Minutes from the meeting of October 24, 2011. (11-4778)

On motion of Commissioner Lesser, seconded by Commissioner Creary, this item was approved.

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4. Approve the meeting dates of October 22, 2012 and November 5, 2012 for the 2012 Commission for Women Calendar as submitted by President Becerra-Jones. (11-4733)

Commissioner Lesser asked if it would be problematic to move the dates, since there is only a 2-week gap between meetings. Staff, Rhonda Rangel stated there were no other dates available due to Holidays and a conflict with another Commission's event.

Following discussion, on motion of Commissioner Shevlin, seconded by Commissioner Creary, this item was approved.

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5. Approve the cost to send one Commissioner to attend the Millennium Momentum Foundation, Inc., 8th Annual *Opening Doors Awards* Ceremony and Benefit Dinner in the amount not to exceed \$250 from the 2nd District Event Fund as requested by Commissioner Creary. (11-3968)

On motion of Commissioner Shevlin, seconded by Commissioner Lesser, this item was approved.

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6. Discussion and Approval to donate \$350 to the American Diabetes Association, "Staying Healthy for Me and My Family" event to support the Health Education Community Project of District 2. (11-4851)

During discussion, President Becerra-Jones stated the donation will need to go to St. Joseph Church in Hawthorne who will be hosting the event. She further clarified; the donation is for the use of the hall, outreach and refreshments for the event.

After discussion, President Becerra-Jones made a suggestion to amend the item and approve the donation of \$350 to St. Joseph Church in Hawthorne hosting the American Diabetes Association, "Staying Healthy for Me and My Family" event for the use of the hall, outreach and refreshments.

Therefore, at the suggestion of President Becerra-Jones, and on motion of Commissioner Shevlin, seconded by Commissioner Lesser, the item was approved as amended.

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7. Discussion and approval to donate \$600 from the President's Fund to the Office of Women's Health Summit Leadership Task Force for printing of 250 copies of the Summit Report on November 30, 2011. (11-4852)

Commissioner Lesser requested clarification as to the type of report that will be printed. Commissioner Ward also asked for clarification on the date the report will be available versus the date the report will be sent to the printer.

President Becerra-Jones stated the report includes all the accomplishments of the women's health summits from 1997 to the present. President Becerra-Jones added that several Commissioners have participated in the summits over the years.

During discussion, Commissioner Ward made a motion to amend the item to read: Discussion and approval to donate \$600 from the President Fund to the Office of Women's Health Summit Leadership Task Force for printing of 250 copies the Summit Report anticipated for printing on November 30, 2011.

Therefore, on motion of Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez, this item was approved as amended.

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II. SET MATTERS

8. **Set Item 10:30 a.m.**

Presentation by Christine Park-Gonzalez of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission as requested by President Becerra-Jones. (11-3543)

Ms. Park-Gonzalez provided a PowerPoint overview presentation of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) and the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act of 2009. She highlighted the eight protected categories: (1) Race; (2) Color; (3) National Origin; (4) Religion; (5) Sex; (6) Disability; (7) Age; and (8) Genetic Information, and the judicial concerns charged within the EEOC processes.

Ms. Park-Gonzalez closed her presentation quoting EEOC Chair, Jacqueline Berrien, April 20, 2010 who stated, "To ensure that all workers are treated fairly - nothing more and nothing less - is the heart of the Equal Pay Act."

After her presentation, Ms. Park-Gonzales responded to questions posed by the Commission. After discussion, by Common Consent and there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

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9. Set Item 10:45 a.m.

Presentation by Dr. Mary M. Fallie on "Building Successful Transitions," a program for individuals leaving the Foster Care System within Los Angeles County as requested by Commissioner Creary. (11-3727)

Commissioner Creary introduced Dr. Mary M. Fallie and shared a brief background history of her work with foster care youths. Dr. Fallie presented an overview of Building Successful Transitions and responded to questions posed by the Commission. Established in 2010, Building Successful Transitions is a nonprofit organization that serves Los Angeles County and San Fernando Valley at-risk and/or foster care youths. Their mission is to make the "forgotten" adolescent "unforgotten", with success building tools from supervised peer-mentoring. They help these youths transition to independent living successfully with support such as before and after childbirth, nutritional guidelines, parenting classes and job placement assistance.

After discussion, by Common Consent and there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

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III. REPORTS

10. Monthly President's Report for the month of November 2011. (11-4848)

President Becerra-Jones submitted a verbal report on the following:

- **Met with Cathleen Cody of the American Bone Health to try and acquire a DEXA machine for each Supervisorial District. This machine measures bone density that can be of great help in monitoring patients with Osteoporosis; and**

- Participated in a Web-X meeting with Geraldo Rodriguez, Program Manager from the Department of Community and Senior Services to discuss additional Fit-to- a-T presentations. There are scheduled presentations in District 1 and in the Antelope Valley. Interested Commissioners were encouraged to fill out the presentation request form and contact Shari Maier at Fit-to-a-T. She will provide the necessary materials for the presentation. She distributed a "Boning Up On Osteoporosis" booklet for each District Commissioners to share and to use as reference material on Osteoporosis.

After discussion, by Common Consent and there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

11. Treasurer Report for the months of October and November 2011. (11-4847)

Ms. Rangel provided a report on behalf of the Treasurer for October and November.

President Becerra-Jones emphasized that the President's Fund is intended for the unexpected expenses directly related to the work of the Commission. The intention of the Commission is to stay within the budget proposed for each District. Commissioners are encouraged to stay within their District funding budget and if there is something pressing, the President's Fund may be able to be utilized.

After discussion, Commissioner Lesser made a motion to have the Treasurer's Report name changed to the Financial Report since the position of Treasurer is vacant.

Therefore, on motion of Commissioner Lesser and by Common Consent, there being no objection, this item was received and filed and the Treasurer's Report was renamed to Financial Report until the position of Treasurer is filled.

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12. Health Committee Update Report and Susan G. Komen for the Cure event report attended by Commissioners Creary, Gallegos and Ward. (11-4061)

Commissioner Creary reported on updates from the Health Committee where she highlighted the following:

- 1. November as National Diabetes Month - Know the Facts: High Blood Sugar and the Damage It Can Cause.**
- 2. Komen Foundation / Circle of Promise Kick Off Event**

Commissioner Creary noted the Komen Foundation event was a co-event participated also by organizations from Orange County. The event was very successful with over 500 people in attendance. Commissioner Ward stated the event brought a lot of visibility to the Commission. Several organizations approached the Commission for Women table and were very interested in activities of the Commission for Woman. Commissioner Gallegos shared the materials given at the event to other employees at her job and other members of the community where she resides.

After discussion, by Common Consent and there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

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13. Report back on Rancho Los Amigos Foundation event attended by Commissioner Bobbi Jean Tanberg to support during the 2011 Health Education Community Project of District 4, "Women's Conference: Mind, Body, Spirit" hosted by the Rancho Los Amigos Rehabilitation Center on October 15, 2011. (11-4643)

Vice President Tanberg reported on the Women's Health Conference held on October 15, 2011. This was the second annual conference hosted by Rancho Los Amigos Rehabilitation Center. The physician speakers did a great job with making the information very accessible. They took valuable information for women and made it very understandable and useable. Thank you cards from Dr. Yoga Szlachcic were shared with the Commission and will be on file in the Commission Office. A Power Point presentation from the event has been requested and will be forwarded to all Commissioners for reference.

Commissioner Gallegos asked Vice President Tanberg elaborate on the presentation topic regarding chocolate. Vice President Tanberg stated that all chocolates have some level of antioxidants but dark in particular has 12,000 antioxidants compared to blueberries having 3,000. The presentation was an easy sell to an audience of women.

After discussion, by Common Consent and there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

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- 14.** Report on China Liaoning Women's Federation Delegation visit held on November 8, 2011. (11-4987)

Commissioners Rodriguez and Ward provided a verbal report on the China Liaoning Women's Federation Delegation visit on November 8, 2011. The Delegation represents six different cities and receives funding for their travel and delegation activities. Their focus was on domestic violence, the homeless, education and what the Commission does for those populations both within the County and the State. Commissioner Rodriguez addressed the domestic violence and homeless questions and Commissioner Ward responded to the education questions. The Delegations infrastructure is developed through their government, stemming from the National Government to the Local Government and are all paid positions. They were surprised to learn that the Commission for Women and most Commissions are seated with volunteers. They wondered how effective the outcomes and impact was, knowing that Commissions are seated with volunteers.

After discussion, by Common Consent and there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

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- 15.** Report back from Commissioners on letter to the Board of Supervisors, of Commission deferral of the 2011 Run/Walk event to 2012 and request for donation; and discussion on how the funds would be disbursed for each District as requested by President Becerra-Jones at the meeting of October 24, 2011. (11-3221)

President Becerra-Jones reported that the 2nd, 4th and 5th Districts have confirmed a donation of \$5,000 each to the Commission for Women Girls-At-Risk Educational Scholarship Program.

Commissioner Ward has written a letter and emailed requests to the 3rd District and is awaiting a response. She will continue to pursue the request and report back to the Commission. President Becerra-Jones will be meeting with Louisa Ollague, First District Deputy, to confirm a donation from the 1st District and to discuss the vacancy.

Commissioner Shevlin stated that the 5th District has appointed a Commissioner to fill the vacant position. Commission Services has not received this information. However, staff will verify with the Executive Office on any new appointments to the Commission from the districts.

Commissioners Tanberg and Lesser spoke with newly appointed liaison, Rebekah Kim, Fourth District Deputy, about the 4th District vacancy and the importance of filling the position.

After discussion, by Common Consent, there being no objection, this item was continued to the meeting of December 12, 2011.

16. Update Report by Legislative Committee. (11-4850)

The Committee met prior the Commission meeting on November 14, 2011 to try and provide the Commission with information on the Legislative Agenda that was more "Women's Centric" (dealing closely with women's issues). They worked with County Counsel, but were not successful in retrieving the information necessary to provide to the Commission. Therefore, the Committee has decided to evaluate the legislative agenda by analyzing the strategic plan of the Office of Women's Health (OWH) and the Department of Public Health (DPH). President Becerra-Jones will be speaking with the Director of Public Health, Dr. Jonathan Fielding to discuss the the DPH's follow-up and tracking procedures on legislative recommendations. Commission members were asked to complete the DPH survey emailed to them by OWH by Tuesday, November 15, 2011.

Genevieve Clavreul addressed the Commission about SB538. This bill, because it was vetoed by Governor Brown, will eliminate the Board of Nursing effective December 31, 2011.

After discussion, by Common Consent and there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

17. Commissioner announcements for the month of November 2011. (11-4820)

The following Commissioners provided verbal announcements:

- **Commissioner Lesser has been working with her community on preventive health strategies called, "The Blue Zones" and "Vitality Cities." The group is hoping to make some significant health changes within the community for their three-year project. The long term goal is to transition itself out into other areas where changing the environment dictates into making healthy choices.**
- **Commissioner Shevlin added the Monrovia School District has taken the initiative in staying healthy and has even won a grant for keeping Monrovia Schools physically active.**
- **Commissioner Gallegos noted many local officials and communities have been promoting health awareness throughout Los Angeles County.**
- **Commissioner Ward announced:**
 - a. **Judy Kessler will be retiring from the University of Northridge. She has forwarded a nominating application for the Commission's "Women of the Year" to the Associated Students Education Committee for a potential nomination. Since the Committee is comprised of students, this may not happen by the due date. Commissioner Ward will follow-up with the Committee and if need be, nominate Ms. Kessler herself.**
 - b. **An outdoor fitness facility was designed and delivered to California State University Northridge for use by adults. The facility is adjacent to the Brown Center for Adaptive Aquatics. She also suggested that this would be a good collaborative venture for the Commission.**
 - c. **Her church will be holding a Family Outreach Day to address holiday mental health issues as well as provide healthy activities and snacks for the holidays instead of the traditional foods we eat.**
- **Commissioner Creary will be reporting on the Millennium Momentum Foundation in December.**

- Vice President Tanberg added during the event at Rancho Los Amigos previously mentioned, there was a series of activities between each presenter such as yoga, meditation and posture. She is currently working on a project at Rancho Los Amigos to show, that even short moderate activity prior to a learning experience with adults creates better retention.
- Commissioner Shevlin announced the Monrovia MAP Leadership Academy will be graduating another class. The Academy provides comprehensive training and development on municipal government, neighborhood development, community services, tools and resources available to residents in all Monrovia neighborhoods. The courses provide the maximum amount of information in a user-friendly environment that allows all residents an opportunity to serve as a Neighborhood Leader.
- President Becerra-Jones noted the number of obese persons in Los Angeles County has declined by 1.1%.

Ms. Rangel announced the California Federation Business and Professional Women is seeking a speaker for their conference in Pasadena on Saturday January 21, 2012. The Commissioner will be speaking about the activities of the Commission and to promote the Commission for Women's "Women of the Year" Luncheon. Commissioners were asked to inform Ms. Rangel or contact Ms. Marjory Hopper directly if interested.

After discussion, by Common Consent and there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

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18. Executive Committee Criteria update on the use of additional funds not included in the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Commission for Women trust fund budget including update on the website project. (Continued from meetings of July 11, 2011 and August 8, 2011) (11-3206)

By Common Consent and there being no objection, this item was continued without discussion to the meeting of December 12, 2011.

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IV. MISCELLANEOUS

Matters Not Posted

19. Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting of the Committee, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action arose subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (11-4332)

No matters were posted.

Public Comment

20. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (11-4779)

Genevieve Clavreul addressed the Commission.

Adjournment

21. Adjournment for the Regular meeting of November 14, 2011. (11-4783)

The meeting adjourned at 12:12 p.m.